

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as follows. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by International Publication No. WO 01/33782 A1 (“Aho”—which the Examiner refers to as Nokia). Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nokia in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,889,839 (Beyda).

It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 2-3 and 6 have been allowed.

Regarding the Examiner’s rejection of independent Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Claim 5 has been amended and is further distinguished.

Nokia teaches a method for implementing a multimedia messaging service between a terminal and a server. More specifically, Nokia discloses that the server transmits a notification message to a wireless terminal to indicate that a multimedia message addressed to the terminal has been received by the server. This process is more clearly illustrated with reference to FIGs. 2 and 4 of Nokia. Moreover, Nokia teaches that the notification message contains information about the properties of at least one multimedia component of the multimedia message. In essence, Nokia teaches that the server receives a message addressed to a wireless terminal and notifies the wireless

terminal of the received message using a notification message which contains information about multimedia components of the received multimedia message. This is a two-step process in which the notification message (including information about multimedia components in the received multimedia message) is initially sent to the mobile station and a second step of transferring selected components of the multimedia message to the mobile station in response to a request from the mobile station.

In contrast, amended Claim 5 includes the additional recitation of receiving summarized information of the multimedia message after transmitting the receipt to the signal receipt notification message, which is neither taught nor suggested by Nokia. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) of Claim 5 be withdrawn.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claims 1 and 4, the Examiner states that Nokia does not teach or suggest receiving a message receipt notification message; and that the summarized information is in response to the response to the message receipt notification message and uses Beyda to cure this deficiency. After reviewing Beyda, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

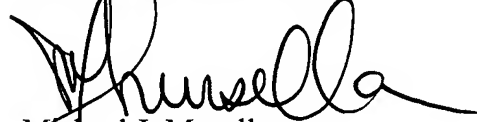
Beyda is directed to a mid 1990's system and method for automatically providing

a notification message to alert a user of an awaiting message. As taught by Beyda, a user is contacted regarding an awaiting message (i.e., a new message received at a message mailbox) and if the system determines that a user wants to play the awaiting message, the system plays the awaiting message. In other words, Beyda teaches a two-step process of initially contacting the user to inform the user of incoming message and thereafter playing the incoming message in response to the user's request to play the message. This process is illustrated with reference to steps 114 –118 in FIG. 2 of Beyda, and is similar to the two-step process taught by Nokia which is described above. In other words, the user is contacted (i.e., receives an initial message) and receives requested information. However, Beyda does not teach or suggest providing the received summarized data type information in response to the response to the message receipt notification message, as recited in Claim 1 nor does Beyda teach or suggest producing and transmitting summarized information on a plurality of data types included in the multimedia message in response to the received response to the message receipt notification message, as recited in Claim 4. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claims 1 and 4 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, independent Claims 1-6, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any

remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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